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Under 35 USC §120, this application relies on the earlier filing date of application serial number 09/799,922, filed on March 5, 2001. Copies of the references cited on the enclosed PTO Form-1449 AA-AJ were submitted to and/or cited by the Office in the prior application and, therefore, are not provided in this application.

More than one year before the filing of application serial number 09/799,922, the applicant had in commercial use an apparatus known as a "stuffing machine" (the "Stuffing Machine"), shown in the attached FIG. 1. The Stuffing Machine is used to stuff soft polyester fiber into the skin of an animal toy. The apparatus includes a rotatable chamber for containing and rotating the polyester fiber, which includes a viewing window to see inside the chamber. The polyester fiber is received in the form of a bale. A second apparatus, referred to as a "picker" (the "Picker") operates to pick the polyester fiber from the bale. Ducting, approximately 8 inches in diameter, connects the Picker to the Stuffing Machine, and a fan inside the Picker blows air, which blows the picked polyester fiber into the ducting and into the rotatable chamber of the Stuffing Machine. The chamber rotates the polyester fiber and a nozzle blowing compressed air, within the chamber, forces the fiber from the chamber into an outlet tube approximately 1.5 inches in diameter, which tube extends from inside the chamber to outside the apparatus. A skin of an animal toy can be held by an operator near or against the outlet tube outside the apparatus and filled with the polyester fiber.

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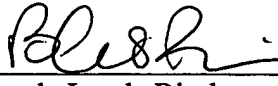
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